



# CENTRAL OHIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



Box 1561, Dublin, OH 43017

## April, 2020 virtual meeting

**When:** At your leisure  
**Where:** Your computer  
**Presenter:** Steve Petty  
**Topic:** Cincinnati Industrial Exhibition medals.

## Stay Safe

Staying safe is what it's all about now. With a membership that skews older and with many of us bearing the scars of our long lives, it's probably best that we do not meet this month.

At 71 and with a heart condition, I've taken to wearing the goofy masks and limiting shopping to grocery stores and then only during the early senior hours.

It looks like we've flattened the curve in Ohio. Today, Gov. DeWine talked during his 2 p.m. press conference about planning for the start of reopening hospitals to non-emergency procedures and working with businesses to find safe ways to reopen offices and factories. He said it will take a while and things won't return to normal until a vaccine is developed. I suspect we won't be able to meet next month, either. -- **Gerry**

## April presentation

Since we are all locked down a bit, I decided to write a presentation regarding the 1870 to 1888 Cincinnati Industrial Exhibitions from 1870 to 1888. I spent several days researching the topic, found many original documents and found the topic which I knew nothing about fascinating.

If you all want to share it with your clubs as a virtual presentation feel free to do-so. I think most will enjoy it given many are shut in.

The presentation was based on my recent purchase of a gold medal from the 1881 Industrial Exhibition awarded to the American Watch Company.

These Exhibitions it turns out were massive operations:

i) Over 250,000+ people attended most of them,



ii) they covered 79 categories of technology and art awarding upwards of 160 gold medals and 320 silver medals per Exhibition, and

iii) the history of the Music Hall and Exhibition buildings, including those involved, is quite interesting.

Original documents and photographs are reproduced in the presentation.-- **Steve Petty**

***The file - CIncyCoinClub Presentation - 1881 Medal - 2020-03-22.pdf - is attached. Just click or double click to open it.***

## Coins for kids needed

I hope everyone is well. I received an email similar to the following message from three sources this week. The teacher involved in the project has been reaching out through eBay. This was from a friend in CA. - **Bruce**

Hey Bruce, have you heard about this:

**Old school bell rings again in Gahanna**

<https://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2013/10/24/school-bell-rings-again.html>

One of the people associated with it asked if I could

donate a colonial to the school for students to look at and hold. I don't mind doing that, but it seems a colonial would be too early for when the school was around - Civil War tokens might be more appropriate, or maybe late date large cents, the type of things that would have been in circulation when it was built. I don't have anything really in these areas - but I remember you had your bucket o' coins that you shared with your students. Do you have anything that would work for this school too?

I got the teacher's email and replied as follows:

Tom,

My name is Bruce Smith. I'm a teacher at Benjamin Logan, just east of Bellefontaine. A few of my friends that you've contacted on eBay have told me that you are looking for some coins to add to your schoolhouse project (congratulations, by the way).

I am a collector and also a member of the Central Ohio Numismatic Association. We're an organization of over 200 members which meets monthly in Westerville. CONA is very much interested on furthering education and generating interest in numismatics among kids. I know that the club will be able to provide examples of coins and currency from the era of your schoolhouse. Obviously we're not currently holding meetings, but if your need is not immediate, I'll contact some of the members and get to work on assembling some material for you. If your need is more immediate, I can provide some things personally.

I don't know how familiar you are with what was used for money around the time that your schoolhouse was built, but prior to Federal paper money being the standard, Ohio had a state banking system. This ended before the Civil War but an example of one of these notes would still be close in time. Additionally, during the Civil War, the shortage of small change made necessary the issuance of privately minted coins now known as Civil War tokens. Ohio was at the forefront of this emergency money. These would be thought of much like the 18th century British Halfpence that you were interested in on ebay. There are lots of other things that would be a good fit for your project. Kids are surprised and interested to learn that there were once two and three cent pieces. Both of those, by the way, fit squarely into the time of the school.

Let me know if you would like our help in providing some of the items I've described. There are also curriculum materials available that deal with coins and economics. I'd be happy to help with that as well. Feel free to contact me at this address or my school email [smithb@benjaminlogan.org](mailto:smithb@benjaminlogan.org)

Bruce Smith

I hope I didn't overstate our willingness to help, but I felt confident that this is just the sort of opportunity to help involve kids that we've talked about. I'll let everyone know when I receive a reply.

**Bruce**

You can contact Bruce at: [bhsmith325@gmail.com](mailto:bhsmith325@gmail.com)

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## THAILAND ISSUES NEW COINS TO CURB CORONAVIRUS

### *From the E-sylum*

Visiting the Rangsit Mint, Yuttana Yimgarund, director-general of the department, said the department focused on releasing new coins for public confidence amid concerns on the virus pandemic.

He said that COVID-19 stayed with old coins for 5-7 days and with banknotes for 9 days.

The department collected old coins and banknotes and completely sanitized them with ultraviolet light at 200 degrees Celsius. "After receiving coins from customers, vendors can simply wash them with detergent and dry them in sunlight or clean them with alcohol... Besides, people can make payments through online channels and money transfers," Mr Yuttana said.

The Treasury Department was releasing 31 billion coins in the country and they were enough for local use, he said. (TNA)

To read the complete article, see:

Thailand's Treasury Dept. releases new coins to curb coronavirus (<https://www.pattayamail.com/business/thailands-treasury-dept-releases-new-coins-to-curb-coronavirus-293880>)

